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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is the following:

1. Response to Restriction Requirement (2 pages).

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the outstanding Restriction Requirement issued April 19, 2005. Claims 1 – 19, 29 – 31, 56 – 59 and 61 – 70 are pending.

The Examiner requires restriction as follows:

- I. Claims 1 – 19, 30, 31, 56 – 59 and 61 – 70, directed to a protection device and method of using the device; and
- II. Claim 29, directed to an apparatus for positioning a protection device.

Applicants elect without traverse to prosecute the claims of Group I, claims 1 – 19, 30, 31, 56 – 59 and 61 – 70.

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Applicants request examination on the merits of claims 1 – 19, 30, 31, 56 – 59 and 61 – 70.

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